

OREM CITY COUNCIL/ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
56 North State, Orem, Utah
September 16, 2013

This meeting was for discussion purposes only. No official action was taken.

CONDUCTING	Mayor Jim Evans
OREM ELECTED OFFICIALS	Mayor Jim Evans; Councilmembers Margaret Black, Karen McCandless, Mark Seastrand, and Mary Street
OREM STAFF	Jamie Davidson, City Manager; Jon Amundson, Assistant City Manager; and Rachelle Conner, Deputy City Recorder
ALPINE BOARD OF EDUCATION	John Burton, Paula Hill, and Debbie Taylor
ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMIN.	Vern Henshaw, Superintendent
EXCUSED	Councilmember Brent Sumner
ABSENT	Councilmember Hans Andersen
INVOCATION	Jamie Davidson

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

Items of Common Interest

Enrollment Numbers

Mr. Henshaw said they have had a successful start to the school year. They have opened up Westmore Elementary and are pleased with the progress at Cherryhill Elementary. When looking at projection numbers, Orem has 63 more elementary students this year than last year. This may seem flat, but there have been some years where there was a decline of approximately 250 students. Oak Canyon Junior High had a slight increase this year due to a boundary line change. The high schools had an increase of approximately 80 students.

“What Counts” Process

The Board of Education has worked very hard in reviewing the information from the “What Counts” process. One of the areas they looked at is class sizes. They have given schools more money to bring additional teachers into those schools. This has helped reduce the class size from approximately thirty-five to thirty students. This information will be mailed out to those who were involved in the process.

Joint Meeting Agenda

Debbie Taylor indicated there has been some negative feedback in reference to the vagueness of the joint meeting agenda. It was recommended that a blurb explaining the items of common interests be added to the next agenda.

Utah Valley University Community Relations Committee

Mrs. Black explained that she and Mrs. Street sit on the Utah Valley University Community Relations Committee. The Provo Superintendent attends the meetings, but there is no one from the Alpine School District. She invited members of the Alpine School District to attend as her guests. The next meeting will be held in January. The committee only meets about three times a year. It was determined that Mr. Henshaw and Mrs. Taylor would attend in January.

Orem Assistant City Manager

Mr. Davidson introduced Jon Amundson as the new Assistant City Manager. Mr. Amundson comes from Richland, Washington, and the City is very excited to have him on staff.

800 East Road Construction

Mr. Davidson gave a brief update on the progress of 800 East. Orchard Elementary and Canyon View Junior High will be affected by the road construction project. Due to the nature of the rebuild, the City has held off on the construction until after school ends next year. It will take a few months to complete the project. They have notified the neighbors in the area about the situation.

HAWK System – 800 East

Mayor Evans noted they had previously talked about working together to put in a HAWK system on 800 East to make the road safer for students. Orem would like to do this while the road is torn up during construction.

Mr. Davidson indicated the cost for the system is \$150,000, and they had talked to the District about sharing the cost of the system.

Mr. Henshaw said Orem should work with Rob Smith, Assistant Superintendent, to coordinate.

Recent Storm Damage

Mr. Davidson advised that the City had a pretty significant water problem after the storm a little over a week ago. That situation made him aware of the need to coordinate the various emergency plans and communication plans. It is important that they work together to have the phone numbers available for key individuals.

Fitness Center Remodel

Mr. Davidson said the City is planning to expand the Orem Fitness Center. They will be adding an aquatics pool to the facility. This will have an impact on Mountain View High School, so the City will need to coordinate with the high school. It might impact parking on certain days.

Lissy Sarvala, Fitness Center Manager, indicated they have talked to the high school so they are aware of the construction schedule. The pool will remain open during the swim competition season.

Orem Youth Council

Mr. Davidson said Orem has a great history of having many students apply for the Orem Youth City Council Program. However, this year they have only had three students apply. They have extended the deadline in the hopes more students will apply. They will have to look at the program to see if this is something they want to continue with.

Growth

Mr. Davidson noted that Orem has had approximately 1,500 housing units go through the development process. They have not gone to the permit process yet, but the numbers are increasing and could impact Orem schools.

Emergency Plan

Mr. Seastrand asked whether any of the schools sustained damage during the recent storm and questioned what would happen if this occurred during the school day. Mr. Henshaw said they would just keep everyone in the school until the storm passed.

UTOPIA

Mrs. Street said it became public today that the UTOPIA service providers are now offering 1-gig speed up and down for as low as \$64.95 per month. This is an exciting announcement for all of the UTOPIA cities. They are all working together to help the service be successful.

Set Date and Time for Next

The next meeting was scheduled for November 14, 2013, at noon in Orem.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Donna R. Weaver, City Recorder

Approved: October 8, 2013